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THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. and O. steamer *Zambesi*, with the next special mail, left Singapore at 6 A.M. on the 14th and may be expected to arrive here to-day, 15th instant.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail steamer *City of Tokio*, with the next American mail, will leave Yokohama on the 14th, and may be expected to arrive here about the 20th instant.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

Two direct steamers, with the next Indian mail, will leave Calcutta on the morning of the 9th, and may be expected to arrive here on, or about the 14th instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published every day in our Extra, which is always sent to a much later hour than that given in the ordinary List.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE
for London.—Per *Russia*, to-day, the 13th inst., at Noon.

For *Haphong*.—Per *Kemeratda*, to-day, the
 inst. at 12.30 p.m.
 For Straits Settlements and Bombay.—Per
Arza, to-day, the 13th inst. at 2.30 p.m.
 For Manila.—Per *Etcano*, to-day, the 13th
 inst. at 3.30 p.m.
 For Manila.—Per *Diamante*, to-day, the 13th
 inst. at 3.30 p.m.
 For Hongkong or Yokohama.—Per *Tanais*, to-day, the 13th
 inst. at 4.30 p.m.
 For Port Darwin, Cooktown, Brisbane, Syd.
 Melbourne, &c.—Per *Brisbane*, to-morrow,
 at 4.44 inst. at 4.30 p.m.
 For Bangkok.—Per *Consolation*, 'on Friday,
 the 15th inst. at 4 p.m.
 For Japan, via Kobe.—Per *Niigata-Maru*, on
 the 15th inst. at 5 p.m.

Strait Settlements and Calcutta.—Per
n and Moray, on Saturday, the 16th inst.,
30 P.M.
P.N.A.S., Kōbē, and Yokohama.—Per
ga, on Thursday, the 21st inst., at 11.30 A.M.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to
under Section XII. of the Post Office
Act, 1876, that the Late Fee charged on
correspondence posted after certain hours for
Europe, America, the Australian Colonies,
Egypt, &c., shall be 10 Cents, instead of 18
Cents.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet "TRAQUA-

Will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 10th October, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to London, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, the Australasian Colonies, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
A British Contractor Packet "INDUS" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 10th October, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Brindisi, to Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australasian Colonies.

**RS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT
MAILS.**
THE FRENCH MAIL.
MONDAY—
Money Order Office closes. Post Office
ceases, except the night box, which is always
in out of office hours.
TUESDAY—
Post Office opens.
Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of
printed matter and patterns ceases.
Mail closes, except for Late Letters.
A.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee
10 cents until
A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.

A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board packet with Late Fee of 18 Cents until 10 o'clock of departure.

ENGLISH MAIL—DAY OF DEPARTURE.

1. Money Order Office closes.

2. Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of printed matter and patterns ceases.

3. Mail closes, except for Late Letters.

4. Late Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until 10 o'clock.

5. At 11 o'clock the Post Office closes entirely.

6. Late Letters may be posted on board packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until 10 o'clock of departure.

DECLARATIONS AS TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.

Privates in H.M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned Officers' Army Schoolmaster, Superintending or First Class) or School-
esses may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or via Marseilles at a rate of four cents (twopence) each, which is prepaid either in Imperial or in Hong-
Stamps.
The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned
's named above.
All such letters prepaid at the former rate
cents (one penny) will be forwarded to or the United Kingdom by private steamer
by the mail packets.
Private steamers leave Hongkong for

about every ten days, and are from six to eight weeks on the voyage.

The letters must not exceed half an ounce, and for the purpose of the regulations, watches, pocket-books, jewelry, &c., can be sent, but the ends open.

If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and station must be stated in full on the letter, and the letter must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c., full.

If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and station, with name of regiment, ship, &c., must be stated in full.

Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges in regard to books or papers, nor can these be sent by Imperial Stamps.

provide means of remitting small sums of money from this Colony and between Hong Kong and China, the Postmasters and Agents of the Post Office are allowed (but not required) to sell Hongkong Postage Stamps from to-day.

Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed in value, must be perfectly clean, in good condition, and in strips of at least 10. Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a receipt.

Stamps containing Stamps should be registered and the Stamps should be secured from loss.

responsibility for the West Indies (except
belonging to the Postal Union, the Ba-
and Hayti), for Monte Video and Para-
no longer be sent via San Francisco.

**FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING
SHIP.**

it is desired to forward letters to the
States by a sailing ship which is not re-
carrying a mail, it is only necessary to
letters in the ordinary way, marked
name of the ship, and prepaid 8 cents
dues as usual. This Office then under-
duty of obtaining notice of departure

...ing the correspondence. It is re-
that the letters be posted if possible at
day before the date fixed for sailing.

...ar Box has been established at the West
Police Station (opposite the Sailors'
and another at the South front of the
Department.

...ours of clearance are as follow :—

	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
...int	10.00	2.00	4.00
...Department	10.15	2.15	4.15
...ive at the Post Office	10.30	2.30	4.45

...pendence of all kinds posted in either
...re the first clearance on mail day will
...re for the Homeward Mail.

correspondence for Hongkong will be despatched the same day.

Persons who keep a postage account with the post may post local correspondence in the same without stamps, provided the sender's recognised device appears on each article.

Post correspondence means that for Hongkong, Amoy, Swatow, or the Ports of China.

Postage is payable at the place of posting at the time of posting and will be kept open till the next arrival from the Pillar Boxes.

